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SUBJECT: VISA RECIPROCITY WITH THE GDR ON DIPLOMATIC (A) NIV'S

REF: A) BERLIN 6903, B) 9 FAM, PART IV, APPENDIX C
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

1. UNDER THE REFERENCED CITATION, THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN
ISSUING ONE-YEAR MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS TO GDR OFFICIALS
AND DEPENDENTS ASSIGNED TO THE GDR EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON.

2. GDR PROCEDURE DIFFERS FROM THAT FOLLOWED BY THE UNITED
STATES. GDR EMBASSIES ISSUE US OFFICIALS AND DEPENDENTS
ASSIGNED HERE THREE-MONTH MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS, WITH
ONE-YEAR ENTRY VISAS SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED BY THE
CONSULAR DEPARTMENT MFA (CD/MFA) AFTER OUR PEOPLE ARRIVE
IN BERLIN. THIS INVOLVES EXTRA PHOTOS, PAPER WORK,
NON-AVAILABILITY OF PASSPORTS FOR BETWEEN ONE AND TWO
WORKING DAYS, AND WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE NON-RECIPROCAL
BEHAVIOR REGARDING THIS SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

3. SOME TIME AGO, WE MENTIONED THIS MATTER IN PASSING
TO OFFICIALS IN CD/MFA, WHO MERELY RESPONDED THAT THIS
WAS THE PRACTISE FOLLOWED BY THE GDR. THE EMBASSY
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PROPOSES, THEREFORE, TO RAISE THIS MATTER ONCE AGAIN

WITH CD/MFA OFFICIALS WHEN THE RACHEL BISHOP VISA CASE IS RESOLVED AND TO ASK FOR RECIPROCAL TREATMENT, I.E., ONE-YEAR MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS ISSUED BY GDR EMBASSIES ABROAD.

4. IF CD/MFA REFUSES TO GRANT A REQUEST FOR RECIPROCITY, THE EMBASSY PROPOSES: A) TO ADVISE CD/MFA THAT THE USG INTENDS TO RECIPROCATATE IN ITS PROCESSING OF VISA REQUESTS OF GDR OFFICIALS ASSIGNED TO THE GDR EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT; AND B) THAT THE DEPARTMENT AMEND REF B) ACCORDINGLY AND CIRCULARIZE ALL POSTS TO THAT EFFECT.

5. THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.COOPER

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